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SUBJECT: IIR 6 947 0022 04/VISIT TO TURSUNZODA BORDER GUARD POST

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SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 947 0022 04.

COUNTRY: (U) TAJIKISTAN (TI)

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SUBJECT: IIR 6 947 0022 04/VISIT TO TURSUNZODA BORDER GUARD POST
TAJIKISTAN ALUMINUM FACTORY (TADAZ) (U).

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DOI: (U) 20040622

REQS: (U) DHCD111046

SOURCE: (C) //OTS 6-947-0014-05//A SENIOR HOST NATION CIVILIAN
INDUSTRIAL LEADER WHO HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION.
FIRST TIME MEETING WITH RO. CONTEXT STATEMENT: RO RECEIVED
INFORMATION DURING AN U.S. DELEGATION VISIT TO TAJIK ALUMINUM
FACTORY.

SUMMARY: (C) VISIT TO TURZONZODA BORDER GUARD OTRYAD
HEADQUARTERS AND ALUMINUM FACTORY TAJIK ALUMINUM ZAVOD (TADAZ)
WITH BASIC INFO ON SUPPLIERS AND OUTPUT. INTERNAL SECURITY OF
FACTORY IS 500 TAJIK GUARDS AND EXTERNAL SECURITY IS PROVIDED BY
A DETACHMENT FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TAJIKISTAN.

TEXT: 1. (C) ON DOI, RO VISITED THE TADZHIKSKII ALYUMINNII
ZAVOD (TADAZ) //GEOCOORD: 38533N/068221E//. RO MET TURSUNZODA
OTRYAD (UNIT NUMBER 2849COMMANDER, COLONEL ((ABDULKHAIROV))
LOCATED AT //GEOCOORD: 38551N/068220E//). HE STATED THAT THE
OTRYAD HAS TWO KOMMENDENTURA'S AND TEN ZASTAVS. THE OTRYAD
HEADQUARTERS IS DIRECTLY BEHIND THE TAJIK ALUMINIUM FACTORY. RO
WAS DRIVEN TO ONE ZASTAV LOCATED AT THE UZBEK-TAJIK CROSSING
POINT. ZASTAV HAD APPROXIMATELY 35 PERSONNEL. IT WAS BY FAR
THE BEST MAINTAINED ZASTAV RO HAS SEEN IN TAJIKISTAN (FIELD
COMMENT: IT WAS EVEN BETTER MAINTAINED THAN ANY OF THE RUSSIAN
ZASTAVS ON THE AFGHAN-TAJIK BORDER THAT RO HAS VISITED, BUT THIS
ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTS THE FACT THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST
WIDELY USED COMMERCIAL BORDER CROSSING POINTS IN TAJIKISTAN,
WHICH INCREASES RENT SEEKING ACTIVITIES AND CORRUPTION AND HAS
FOCUSED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM THE BORDER GUARD COMMAND TO
THIS POST). THE TAJIK NATIONAL GUARD ALSO HAS AN ELEMENT THAT
PROVIDES SECURITY FOR THE TADAZ. (Field Comment: From the size
of the barracks, RO believes this to be a company sized force.)

2. (C) WITH REGARD TO THE FACTORY ITSELF, SOURCE STATED THAT
THE TADAZ PRODUCES 970 TONS OF ALUMINUM PER DAY. THERE ARE 90
FURNACES IN EACH PRODUCTION BUILDING. THERE ARE 13,000 WORKERS
ON THREE SHIFTS, SUPPORTING 24 HOUR OPERATIONS. ACCORDING TO
SOURCE THERE ARE 500 GUARDS. THE TADAZ SENDS 300 TONS TO US;
OTHER MAJOR DESTINATIONS ARE EUROPE AND TURKEY. AS OF 2000
FACTORY DOES NOT SHIP TO RUSSIA DUE TO NEW VALUE ADDED TAX LAWS
WHICH ADDED A 20% VAT TO ALL ALUMINUM SHIPPED TO RUSSIA. 100
PERCENT OF ALL RAW MATERIAL AND 95-97% OF ALL ALUMINUM IS
CONTROLLED BY A COMPANY CALLED HAMER. WHEN ASKED WHO OWNED THE
COMPANY AND WHERE THE COMPANY WAS REGISTERED, SOURCE STATED THAT
IT WAS A COMMERCIAL SECRET.

COMMENTS: 1. (C) FIELD COMMENTS. ACCORDING TO A 2001 STATE INR
REPORT, TADAZ IS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY STATE ENTERPRISE

GENERATING SIGNIFICANT REVENUE FOR THE GOVERNMENT (CITE INR
INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT DATED 27 SEP 2001, "TAJIKISTAN:
VULNERABLE ECONOMY"). THEREFORE, THE SECURITY OF THE PLANT WOULD
CLEARLY BE A MAJOR CONCERN.

2. (C) EMBASSY COMMENTS: UNITL 2003, ANSOL LIMITED OUT OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM, WAS TADAZ'S INTERMEDIARY COMPANY, DOING THE
MAJORITY OF BUYING RAW MATERIAL FOR TADAZ, THEN SELLING THE
ALUMINUM. IN 2004, THIS CHANGED TO HAMER COMPANY. RECENTLY,
(NFI) IT BECAME A COMPANY CALLED CDH.

13. (U) SOURCE IS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER CONTACT.

14. (U) DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS IIR TO DIA/DHO-2 AT STU III (703) 907-0235, OR DSN 283-0235.

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